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House of Representatives
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WASHINGTON, D C -- Rep Kika de la Garza, ranking majority member of the House Committee on Agriculture in the 94th Congress, has been named Chairman of the Agriculture Subcommittee that oversees all functions of the U S Department of Agriculture.

The Chairman of the Committee is Rep Tom Foley of the State of Washington. He succeeded Texas Rep W R (Bob) Poage of Waco, removed from the Committee Chairmanship by Democratic House Caucus action, but who was elected Vice Chairman by vote of the Committee on a motion proposed by Rep de la Garza.

The responsibilities of the subcommittee headed by Congressman de la Garza have been enlarged this year to include jurisdiction over all foreign agriculture programs; general oversight over complete USDA operations; analysis of functions of proposed programs and regulations; and jurisdiction over investigations of department policies, personnel and areas under jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee.

The South Texas Congressman also was elected by Agriculture Committee members to serve on the Cotton Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over proposed legislation concerning cotton, and to the Conservation and Credit Subcommittee, which deals with soil and water conservation, small watershed programs and agriculture credit in general.

"My assignment on the Agriculture Committee and the named subcommittees gives me an improved opportunity to better serve our South Texas area," Congressman de la Garza said. "I will do everything I can to take advantage of that opportunity."

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